HOW TRAINS ARE GUIDED

Interesting Story Told by a Train Dispatcher.

A MYSTERY IS EXPLAINED

Something About This Most Importan Branch of Railroad Work, Which is a Sealed Book to the General Public.

Several recent appalling railroad wrecks have turned public attention to the unainer of handling trains, and the ques-tion of the responsibility for the loss of innocent lives has often of late been dis-

Mr. W. M. Bickers, a train despatcher of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, and one of the most efficient in the business," has consented to tell how trains are run by the standard code, now generally in vogue, Mr. Bickers says:

I have no wonder that the public are fequently unable to grasp the cause of acidents reported in the press dispatches, for the people generally and the press agents frequently are not versed in the fundamental rules of train-running, and these reports frequently use the terms these reports frequently use the terms "dispatcher" and "operator" synono

"dispatcher" and "operator" synono-mously and as often transpose them.

There is a book of rules furnished each employe and he must stand a rigid examination on these rules before he en-ters the service of the company. This code is a comprehensive and complete code is a comprehensive and complot compondium of the duties and responsi-bilities of all classes of employes. I stipulates in detail the rights of al classes of trains and the movement of trains by telegraphic orders. "Each employe connected directly or in-

directly with the movement of trains is furnished with a time table, which is an authoritative compilation of the sched-ules of all the trains on the division. A schedule of a train is an arrangement of figures showing how a train shall run, the time it leaves and arrives at termi-nals and also at the intermediate sti-

DIVIDED INTO CLASSES. "Trains are divided into classes, those of first class having right of way over lower classes, and so on. Then there is a "direction" right—i. e., trains moving in a specified direction, have right of way over trains of the same or inferior class moving in the opposite direction. All schedule trains are numbered on the time table. A train failing behind its time may proceed if it avoids the time of all trains of superior right. A train of superior right. A train of superior right may proceed regardless of how late it is, provided always that it avoids superior trains and any scheduled train failing twelve hours behind time looses all rights and can be moved only by special orders. "Extra trains" are those not provided for in the time table and can be operated only by telegraphic train-orders. "Now, if all trains ran always on time the time table would be ample for their movement. But it is necessary to provide for special orders which supplement the time table, and here is where the train-dispatcher comes in. This official keeps before him a train register sheet wherein is recorded the number of each train and the time each passes the several stations on his district, the station operators reporting the trains over the wire as they pass. The dispatcher's "thinker" is keep busy as he continually records these trains and spins out special movement orders. He must figure for the best not result, for in a multiplicity of trains it is often a question of equal moment to consider a prospective "meet" with another train as it is to make a close meet between the two, he is immediately considering. Then he must lookout for "blocks"—I.e., see that there is not an accumulation of trains more than the siding will hold at any point, and he must always have tucked away in his cranium the class moving in the opposite direction. All schedule trains are numbered on the

at any point, and he must always have tucked away in his cranium the capacity of all sidings, the physicial characteristics of the road and so "Each telegraph office is provided with train-order signal. Red means "stop," a train-order signal. Hed means "stop," white means "no orders." When the dispatcher sends an order it is communicated simultaneously to the operators receiving for the respective trains and also to the operator at the meeting-point, which is a "double-check" of safety. The operators repeat the order and if correctly repeated (and if not the dispatcher requires a new and correct copy to be made) it is "O. K'd"; the conductors sign on the triplicate manifold, their signatures are given to the dispatcher over the wire and recorded by him in his book, which contains the order as sent. The operators tear of and deliver two copies to the conductor (one for engineerman) and the trains and deliver two copies to the conductor (one for engineerman) and the trains proceeds to their meeting point. The order to train of inferior right cannot be completed until the signature of the-conductor of train of superior right has been received by the dispatcher, unless the latter mentioned train is otherwise "naid up." This is safeguard rule, for if the operator should fail to hold the superior train no harm would result further than delay to the inferior train, since the latter's order would not, of course, be "completed."

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"Very many roads now use the 'absolute block system." which is simply that only one train is allowed on each section of the track, the block offices being generally, four or five miles apart. This supplements the time-table and the special orders as a very enective safeguard, but does not conflict with them, since a "clear block" would not give a train a right to enter as ngainst a train of superior, right.

"On double-track roads, of course, the "meeting" inatter is inhimized, although it is necessary for trains of inferior class trains of lowing, and this necessitates "crock-overs" and frequent special orders in offecting them.

I could, of course, elaborate upon this interesting subject, but the foregoing is, I trust, a comprehensive outline of the matter such as you desire.

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that the officials have anything akin to a picnic, let him rid himself of such a false nction, for the faithful discharge of duty on the part of the generals of the great railway army is telling and often self-consuming, and they richly deserve the highest esteem and unswerving loyalty of their subordinates and the great good-will of the public."

PLEASED WITH THEM

Newport News People Delighted by Richmond Talent.

The Newport News Daily Press says: One of the most enjoyable concerts ever given in Newport News was that given in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church last evening. Each number on the programme was heartly

number on the programme was heartly applauded and each was encored. Captain Frank Cunningham was down for a couple of selections, but at the last moment was forced to send regrets, and Miss Cofer, a well-known contraito of the Capital City, was substituted. It is no reflection upon Captain Cunningham's ability as a singer to say that he could not have excelled his substitute, nor could he have gained more enthusiastic applause. Miss Cofer has a voice of charming mellowness and purity. She was forced to respond to encores after each selection. each selection

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Miss Burnett, also of Richmond, opened the programme with a beautiful plano solo, the number containing six selections: "Freambule," by Bach, "Of Strangs Lands and People," "Curious Story," "Child's Petition, "Happiness," and "Whims," by Schumann. 'She also took the fifth number on the programme with Chopin's "Scherzo," in Bb minor, and closed the entertainment with a number containing four selections: McDowell's "Witches Danoes," Oscar Raif's "Nocturne," Sinding's "Rustle of Spring" and Gottschalk's "Pasquinade." The excellent manner in which each selection was rendered proclaimed Miss Burnett a musician of great promise, and her work deserved the hearty applause it received.

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Mrs. Alexander Wills, of this city, rendered two soprane solos. She is too well known in Newport News to need a word of commendation. It is enough to say that her work last night was up to the high standard she has taught her friends to except. She sang Mrs. H. H. Beach's "A Song of Love," and Reginald DeKoven's "A Dutch Lullaby." She also responded to encores.

Miss McGehee, of Richmond, was the elecutionist of the evening. She has a rich, full voice, splendid imitative powers, natural, gestures and a dramatic perception which make her an entertainer of exceptional merit." She gave Kate Douglas Wiggin's "Story of Patsy," and Eliza Hall's "Sally Ann's Experience." Both of these were peculiarly fitted to illustrate the young lady's ability as an elecutionist. As encores, Miss McGebergers a coulde of humerous little respectives a coulde of humerous little response. elocutionist. As encores, Miss McGe-hee gave a couple of humorous little rec-

WHITE ROSE CLUB

A Pleasant Evening Greatly Enjoyed by This Popular Body.

The members of the White Rose Social Club enjoyed a most pleasant even-ing at Masonic Hall last Friday evening Dancing was indulged in and at twelve o'clock, midnight, the participants en-

Mr. A. C. Byrne, president of the club, acted as toastmaster for the occasion. He called upon Mr. Ed. O'Ncill to respond to the toast "White Rose Social Club." Mr. O'Neill reviewed the progress the club had made since its organization and gave the club his assurance that he was ready and willing at all times to try and accomplish anything to the advancement of the club.

Mr. S. A. Loterzo was then called on to respond to the toast "Good of the Club." He assured the club that anything for the welfare and good of the organization was looked upon by him as his own welfare. Daneing was then resumed until a late hour. Mr. A. C. Byrne, president of the club.

As Viewed in London.

ment from Washington that the Vene zuela protocols are in course of preparation, confirming the hopeful views of the situation expressed, has created great satisfaction. During the latter part of the week official circles here evinced quiet confidence that in spite of alraming reports a settlement was in sight. There have been private expressions of intense irritation at Minister Bowen's alleged breach of etiquette, but these have never been allowed to interfere with the determination of the difficulty through any feasible channel.

Ambasador Herbert's stricture found sympathetic support in Downing Street and apparently formed the subject of exchanges of messages between perlin, London and Rome, whence the representatives of those powers at Washington were instructed to present a united front and prevent the recurrence of the publication of news of the nature of which he had complained.

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Beyond some comparatively slight de Beyond some comparatively slight de-liberations over the wording of the pro-tocols, no further trouble is expected here, where the raising of the blockade will be regarded with almost as much relief as it will in Venezuela.

POLK MILLER IN NEW YORK

Southern Society is Charmed with His Southern Negro Songs and Stories.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, February 7.—A reunion of the Southern Society of New York was held at Sherry's to-night. The speakers were Senator MeLaurin, of South Carolina; Colonel Tollivar, formerly of Virginia, and Mr. Polk Miller, of Richmond. The feature of the evening was the entertainment given the society by Mr. Miller. His negro dialect stories were inimitable. He began by saying that it was necessary to "get together." every heart must beat as one if the full

Olden Days Brought Back by The Crenshaw Entertainment.

With fine and beauteous setting, with pirthright of their people, the host and bisthright of their people, the host and hostess of last Thursday avening gave to their many friends a night of pleasure that will remain a delightful and unique memory. There was the music of an olden time, with stately stepping thereto and the thrill of the too much neglected dances of yesterday. It was a recrudescence of former pleasures, and doubtless some who were present went swinging down the line in the old Virginia reel in sweet obedience to a recellection of what has been, as well as in full enjoyment, of the pleasurable moment. There were steps that came back from the past, that delicious heel and toe polka, that held in tender thrall feet that had not so moved for many a day. There was one—all of us know him and his inimitable grace—who seemed fit to have done a minuet, or have trod a measure with a ladge of the splendid reign of the fairy queen. Some of us whose imagination was in play, fain had seen him and his fair partner lead in some such step as they knew who were the old brocades and danced with blades at their sides, The host and his noble lady led in the joy of it all, and all were one in the fullness of their joy.

Rack in old Kentucky they do things hostess of last Thursday evening gave

Back in old Kentucky they do things well, no less than in Virginia. It was an exquisite blending of the fineness of two people who are yet one. It is a singularly splendid and individual race that holds proud sway from the Chatarawas to the Tennessee, it is a nation within our nation. Their history is a

WEDNESDAY CLUB'S

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Spring Festival in April Takes

Form of Celebration-Mr.

Mercer Again Manager.

A meeting of the Board of Governors

of the Wednesday Club was held at the Commonwealth Club last night and im-

portant steps taken looking to the com-pletion of the arrangements for the fes-

tival to be held April 27th and 28th

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The first action of the board was to clect Mr. Walter C. Mercer general manager of the festival this year. Announcement was made that the Academy of Music had been engaged for the three concerts and that the price of seats would be the same as last year. Another election included Mr. Emil Mollenhauser, conductor of the Boston Festival Orchestra, who will have direction of the eyening concerts.

open headquarters at some central lo-cation as soon as practicable, where sub-

scriptions for the festival will be re-

The board decided to make the com-

ing festival the celebration of the tenth anniversary, and last night issued an invitation to al! former members to

come in and participate in the obser

niversary.

Please be present at the rehearsal next
Twesday night, 8:15, at the Y. M. C. A.
Hall.

Eugene Jones, Secretary.

IT MAY BRING ON

TROUBLE IN EUROPE

Occurring Between Rus-

sia and Turkey.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, February 7 .- Official advice have been received here confirming the report that the Sultan of Turkey has

ordered the immediate mobilization of 240,000 troops for a military demonstration

The step taken is regarded with appre-

tension by the French officials as being likely to involve complications between

It is said that the Russian and Austrian Governments have agreed on a firm note to the Sultan, which will be presented within the next few days, insisting on ad-ministrative and official reforms in Mace-denia.

Personal and General. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Winston, of St.

Mrs. A. H. Robins, No. 202 East Mar-

Miss Orn E. Pemberton, of West Mar-shall Street, has just returned from a pleasant trip to Mr. Spot. McWhirt's, Washington, D. C.

Visiting In Richmond. Miss Mamie White, of Berryville, Va., is visiting Mrs. Edward McGuire,

Turkey, Russia and Austria.

in Macedonia.

Respectfully,
HENRY T. MELONEY,
President.

The invitation reads:

losson of purpose and indomitable will. They fought a great fight almost alone decades ago before they were made sure of their great highway by the Louisiana purchase. There are any to forget. But those have a way of persisting in the fore in public andurs.

It was this story of Kentucky and her vivid life that kept itself before the minds of some of us as the feast began with the tender melody of the "Old Kentucky Home." From Kentucky, from her best, from her foremost came the lady of the feast. Leaders her people have ever been, and are to-day. The story of our mation is the story of her people. And it seemed most right that when she and her gracious husband bade their friends make merry with them it should be after the manner of a time historic and unique, after the ways that seem to let fin a great abundance of Joy, and with a kindly and courteous blending of cordial welcome with stately surroundings all redolent of the rare days of Richmond's andent hospitality. It was Kentucky and Virginia, alike though widely variant. Each is yet to play again a fine part in the life of our people. From Kentucky of late years went forth great leaders, men of mighty power. Together these two States trod a noble measure on Thursday night, Together they will trend other measures as the days go by to the martial music of a nation's progress, leading in the march on the way that goes to the upbuilding of the nation. To such a race we can well wish, in the stately speech of the classies: "Romque prolemque et decus omne."

JUDGE WADDILL IS TO DECIDE

He Will Pass Upon Shafer **Building Matter on Next** Tuesday.

Judge Waddill will next Tuesday decide whether the Shafer building shall be con demned by a jury or by a commission He heard argument yesterday by counse representing all the various interests Judge L. L. Lewis was there as district attorney to look out for the government. Hon. S. S. P. Patteson was counsel fo Mr. James A. Moncure, the sgent for the Shafer estate. Certain tenants in the building were represented by Messrs. Willis B. Smith, E. Randolph Williams, Robert H. Talley and J. W. Anderson

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Judge Waddill, sitting in the United
States Circuit Court, heard arguments
briefly presented. The whole matter will
be decided by the Judge on next Tuesday.
Mrs. Charles E. Whitlock came in by
counsel and was made a party to the sult,
she claiming a dower's interest in the
ground rent. Her counsel was Mr. W. W.
Gordon.

Judge Waddill will have three important questions to decide, as follows: First-Whether or not the notice that the property was going to be condemned should have been served upon the ten-ants or upon the agent of the Shafer es-

Second-Whether the property shall be condemned by a jury, or Third—Whether it shall be condemned by

a commission.

In the event that the Judge shall decide that notice was improperly served, there will be a delay, as a new notice will have to be sent out.

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It is thought that the matter will be finally settled on Tuesday.

The tenants want a commission, under the State statutes, to condemn the building, while the Federal Government is working for a jury, under the Federal statutes.

HOME-SICKNESS

come in and participate in the observance. The invitation reads:

Richmond, Va., February 7, 1903.
The Board of Governors, at its meeting held a few days ago, most enthusiastically approved the suggestion that the next annual festival (April 27-28) shall be made a celebration of the club's tenth anniversary. That the music be of a miscellaneous and popular character, and, as far as possible, be participated in by all those who have ever been members since its organization.
The suggestion seems eminently appropriate, and the club heartily concurs. As this almost completely changes the character of the programmes, and the choruses to be learned are gems of popular music, already partly familiar, those who have not attended this season's rehearsals are put upon the same footing with those who have.

The club, therefore, extends a hearty invitation to all its former members to come in and participate in the tenth anniversary. By a 14 Year Old Girl, Off in a Mountain

Boarding School.
The time drags on so slowly here
That each day seems a long, long, year.
A year of pain too deep for tears;
A year that not one bright hope cheers.

A time when my inmost soul is shaken With a black dispair; and thoughts awaken, Phat fill my heart with a torturing pain.

Will I ever be happy on earth again?

I am so tired, oh, so tired! of this miserable life,
With its heart-breaking sorrows, its hatred and strife.
From the brightness of dawn to the sombre twilight;
And worse of far worse! in the black.

Possibility of Some Trouble And worse, oh far worse! in the blackness of night.
My heart's cry is this: "Will this pain

ever cease?

Shall I ever again be calm and at peace?

Arkansas Labor Day.

(By Associates Press.)
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., February 7.—
ding first Monday in September of each
year "Labor Day."

A SURPRISE PARTY FOR THE FIREMEN

Was Tendered to Engine Company No 5 on Thursday Evening.

ministrative and official reforms in Macedonia.

Although France will not be a party to the note, she will approve of it. It is considered that the Sultan's mobilization of such a vast army is clearly an effort to forestall the presentation of this note. The mobilization of so many troops is regarded here as unwise and dangerous, especially as it is said that the soldiers who are to be brought into Macedonia from Asiatic Turkey are semi-barbarous levies and are hostile to Christians, which will tend to inaugurate another series of massacres.

It is understood the Powers are ex-The members of Engine Company, No. , located at Brook Avenue and Marshall Street, were tendered a surprise party and social at their quarters on Thursday right. The treat was indeed a surprise to the firemen and one which was much enjoyed. massacres.

It is understood the Powers are exchanging views as to the course to be pursued towards the mobilization of Turkish

Shortly after 8 o'clock, while the usual Shortly after 8 o'clock, while the usual sames of checkers and dominoes were being played, the surprise crowd marched halo the house to the strains of music from a dozen instruments. The party was introduced and invited to the reception room of the members. For several hours vocal and instrumental music, mingled with speeches, held sway. To the surprise of the firemen a table was called for, and in a few minutes it was laden with the delicacles of the season in abundance. After recovering from the shock the col-

shall Street.

Miss Annie G. Cottrell, of No. 500
South Reservoif Street, has returned from
a pleasant visit of two weeks to Nor-

TRIGG CREDITORS TO SETTLE ON PLAN

Failure of Richmond Contingent to Agree Delays Reorganization.

The satisfaction of the Richmond creditors of the Trigg Company is believed to be the last step before the plan of the reorganization of the company is announced and the time set for resump tion of work.

A plan has already been suggested, ac cording to reports, that is, that the creditors are to be paid one-third in cash and the remainder in stock to the new company, but it is believed that this has not met with the support hoped for it. At all events, Receiver Laburn T. Myers has called a meeting of the Richmond contingent of creditors for to-morrow at 11 o'clock at the office of the company. Mr. Myers said last night that the specific object of the meeting was to de-

cific object of the meeting was to de-vise some plan for settlement which will be satisfactory to all.

When asked if the result of this meet-ing could stand in the way of reorganiza-tion, he replied that the rehabilitation of the company was not dependent upon it. The call is signed by Messrs. S. Hawes, James N. Boyd, A. B. Guigon and J. Jordon Leake.

Richmend creditors number about 125 persons—banks and manufactories.

PASTORAL PLAY FOR THE SOLDIERS

'The Hoosler" to Be Given at the Academy of Music on February 16th.

The production of "The Hoosier" at the Academy on the 16th instant will prove an event in theatrical circles. The undertak ing is a mammoth one, and it will disclose the wonderful stage effects incidental to the rural drama.

In these days of live stock, growng trees, real duck nonds and hav move and realistic snow storms, something is promised in this production that will eclipse

Old Homestead," "Shore Acres" and ""Way Down East." "The Hoosier" embraces all that has gone to make these pastoral plays household words, and with the cast that will be disclosed on this occasion "The Hoosier" will at once jump

becasion the Hossier will at once jump into the popularity that has already been gained by the other weaker plays.

Nothing in theatricals has pleased the popular fancy as much as the rural drama, with its rustle surroundings, its pretty country maidens and its village wit. All these are embraced in The beauty about the production is the fact that it is to be given for the benefit of the encampment fund of the Seventieth Regiment, and all the soldier boys are working for its success, so far as a crowded house is concerned. An artistic and sumptuous production is already assured.

Increase of Capital.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, February 7.—1t is semiofficially stated that the proposed increase of capital of the Pennsylvania
Railroad Company will be from \$23,000,000

the present capitalization, to \$400,000,000.

The increase will be made from time to
time, as circumstances may require.
There being about 25,000 shareholders, and
the Pennsylvania laws requiring a majority vote of the outstanding shares, the
management is now soliciting proxies for
the necessary majority.

Cornell in the South

(By Associated Press.)
ITHACA, N. Y., February 7.—Cornell's
base-ball schedule, announced to-day, includes the following games: April 8th,
University of Virginia, at Charlottesville; April 9th, Trinity College, at Durham.

The Negroes With Hayes.

Sir,-I notice in to-day's Times-Dispatch that a colored preacher, who fails to sign his name, says that the negroes of

Virginia are not in sympathy with Hayes. Now it is no use for the negroes to try to fool the white folks; they know that the negroes are with Jim Hayes.

I am paster of one of the largest Eaptist Churches in the Valley of Virginia and Moderator of a Baptist Association

and Moderator of a Baptist Association and a general officer of the State organization of the Baptist. And I have an opportunity, and do meet the negroes in all sections of the State. I have raised some money for Hayes myself, and every where I have gone the negroes have been in sympathy with the movement to test the Constitution.

Some negroes have not taken an active part because they believed it to be a hopeless fight.

Others have had nothing to do with it for fear of the ill-will of the white

it for fear of the ill-will of the white folks in their immediate neighborhoods. The only negroes that I have seen who

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The only negroes that I have seen who are truly against Hayes are those negroes who want to get away from the race and get white. But those negroes who believe in the possibilities of the race and desire to be negroes all through the ages are with Jim Hayes.

Those few negroes who oppose Jim Hayes can't hold a public meeting of any consequence; indeed, they are afraid almost to let the negroes know who they are, because Southern negroes believe in the racial idea first, last and all the time.

Now the thing that surprises and annoys me is that some of our Southern white folks are always trying to make it appear that we are seeking to force ourselves upon them socially in the face of the fact that we have voluntarily come out of their churches and openly advocated separate schools and racial enterprises. The true Southern man knows that the negro does not desire to be swallowed by the white race, and I thirst that you all are doing a great deal more harm stirring up race prejudice than Jim Hayes and his crowd ever would or could harm stirring up race prejudice than Jim Hayes and his crowd ever would or could Now Jim Hayes may have said some

woral and instrumental music, mingled with speeches, held sway. To the surprise of the firemen a table was called for, and in a few minutes it was laden with the delicacles of the season in abundance. After recovering from the shock the collation was done ample justice.

The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Morran, Misses Willio and Nollie Taylor, Miss. L. R. Rogers, Mesdames James Kersov, W. M. Lucas and Messrs, C. A. Charles, C. O. Deermont and J. E. Walters, C. D. Deermont and J. E. Walters. The members of the company desired to express their thanks to their visitors, and extend them a cordial invitation to repeat their visit.



With Pegashius.

(Written for the Sunday Times-Dispatch.)
Courteous Reader:
We have been asked to write for this paper, and we shall do so. To prevent any misunderstanding, we submit to you our platform herewith. We trust it may meet with your approval:
If you're tired, or you're worried,

If we can cheer you up a bit
And sometimes make you smile—
Well, that's just what we're aiming at,
For we feel it's worth our while.

Touching on and concerning infant prodigies, the following is in order. We give it to you as it was told to us:

Mary was her Christian nomen,
And she was of tender youth,
But she'd one un-Christian failing,
Namely, could not tell the truth;
Only this; but every one
Cannot be a Washington.

In the evening, just at dark, Filed "Mama, a lion chased me All along through Monroe Park!" And the mother's poor heart, racking, Knew that truth was sadly lacking.

"Come here, daughter," said the mother;
"You have told another whopper,
And that lion was some big dog;
Just you wait while I call Popper."
O'er the land there fell a hush
While Mama reached for the brush.

"Kneel to Heaven," said the mother,
"And your wickedness unfold;
Ask, implore your Heavenly Father
To forgive what you have told."
All was silence in the room,
Mary prayed like kingdom come.

Presently she cried, "Oh, Mother, He says 'Yes, it was a dog; But it looked just like a lion Out there in the evening fog." The resemblance was so true,

"All the world loves a lover," and the fourteenth of this month is especially reserved for Love's young dreamers, leter's a slight effort on the subject, entitled "The Night of Saint Valentine."

There's snow on the walls and the meadows,
And ice on the holly and pine;
But I'm happy, my heart is a-singing,
On the night of Saint Valentine.

Little Cupid's the god of the Heart-

Lands,
And now as I kneel at his shrine,
I acknowledge him as my true master,
The night of Saint Valentine.

My Sweetheart-the daintiest, fairest-And Cupid has made her divine, And I asked her the question of questions The night of Saint Valentine.

it.

I have not heard of any public meetings being called to condemn Senator Tillman and Mr. Dixon, although the whole South admits that they have gone too far. Jim Flayes is not in their

class.
You all ought not to expect ten millions of us to do everything you tell

are not always right any more than we

Southern white folks, friends or focs, you are not always right any more than we are. In some things we are going to follow our deeper instincts, the prompting of a higher power than man. I want to thank you for putting in that letter of explanation from Jim Hayes. I believe if the Southern people would hear our side of the question patiently, as expressed by the leading negroes, be they right or wrong, it would enable them to do a great deal more toward bringing about a better feeling between the races and enable the white people of the South to help retify the wrong ideas which we are said to entertain. It does not help the situation for aristocratic Southern organizations like the Collseum Club of New Orleans to publish threats whenever a negro may say something which they do not like; a negro ought to be just as free in the South as anywhere on God's earth, and our Southern newspapers ought to help to make it so. The South will never be able to do its best with us until it ceases attempting to mag and intimidate us. The negroes overywhere are beginning to realize that they have to work this thing out with the Southern while folke, and it is no use for us to play the hypocrite and preiend that we like a thing when we do not like it. And you all ought to hear us and stop placing wrong constructions on our motives.

If we are wrong, we certainly mean right. And if you hear us patiently and

If we are wrong, we certainly mean right. And if you hear us patiently and point out to us our wrongs in the proper spirit, we will gladly accept your ad-

spirit, we will stating accept your advice,
I say in the proper spirit because it
is mighty hard for us to think you mean
well when you continually state your
case in such a manner as to show us
that you have no respect for our side
of the South to help rectify the wrong
prompts us to take that side.
We are willing to stand by the right
thing, We are not going to accept everything which people say is right.
The major portion of the pervices of

She gave me her answer so shyly. The night of Saint Valentine.

There's a rustle of slik on the stairway,
The sound of a voice, soft, divine;
Good-bye to the world and all trouble.
The night of Saint Valentine.

The best things about winter are the long evenings beside the fire. While we are toasting our footlets, the tobacce smoke curls above our head, and we pretend we are thinking great things. Here are a handful of thoughts about it:

When the rain is howling outside,
And the rain falls pit-a-pat,
And you come home wet and tired,
Feeling like a half-drowned rat;
Go, get your easy slippers,
Light your pipe and watch it glow,
And sit there in your easy chair,
While the fire's burning low.

You'll see pictures in the fire, If you'll watch, while sitting fore: You can dream of days that now passed, Or build castles in the air; And if there's some fair lady, You will dream of her, I know, As you're sitting there a-thinking, While the fire's burning low.

Perhaps you're fond of reading;
Well, just take a book and start
Pick up some humble writer
Who's a-singing from his heart;
You'll feel him talking to you,
As the shadows come and go;
It'll sort of warm and cheer you,
While the fire's burning low.

If you hate the winter weather.
You can dream of days of spring.
When the flowers first begin to come,
And birds begin to sing;
You can wander in the hay fields,
When the reapers start to mow;
You can feel a breath of summer,
While the fire's burning low.

If there's some fellow-partner,
Who's done you a mean trick,
Who you know is sure a rascal,
And who thinks himself so slick;
If you'll think of him this evening,
And forget the grudge you owe,
I think you may forgive him,
While the fire's burning low.

Well, it's bed-time: Who'd a-thought It's
How the evening's passed so soon,
And I feel content and happy,
And my heart seems all a-tune;
I have never found it fail me,
In these days of rain and snow,
But these day dreams make me better,
While the fire's burning low.

Yours till next time,

The night of Saint Valentine.

Thing you could give him. Jim Hayes is not dreaming of any social equality—the kind of social equality which you all fear, and every man in Virginia who knows Jim Hayes, knows this to be a fact; and those who know him, know that he is not trying to incite the negroes to violence, and even if he were trying to do it the negroes in the South who believe in him have too much sense and too much love for the South and Southern people to do anything of the kind. I know some of you don't believe that we like the Southern folks because we have to abuse them sometimes, but we do, and God knows it.

Now no sensible negroes are going to call any meetings to condemn Jim Hayes, because the soul of what he is trying to do is right. He is doing just what you would do were you in his place; doing what any manly man ought to do. He, may say some things from time to time that he ought not to say, just as any public man will do, but we are not going to crueity him for it, and our friends in the South ought not to ask us to do it.

I have not heard of any puble meetings being called to condemn Senator Tillman and Mr. Dixon, although the whole South admits that they have gone too far. Jim Hayes is not in their class.

ters achieved fame in various professions. In Madame Dejerin as a physician, Anna Klumpke as a painter, Dorothy Klumpko as a world-famous astronomer, and the youngest sister as an accomplished pro-fessional violinist. Paris acknowledges Southern white folks, friends or foes, you that San Francisco contributed generously to French science and art by ing the Klumpe quartette.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

(GOLDSBORO, N. C., February 7.—Mr., and Mrs. Joseph Edwards, of this city, have issued handsomely engraved invitations to the marriage of their eldest daughter. Miss Byrdie Edwards, and Mr. Rudolph Skalowski, of Augusta, Ga., next Wednesday afternoon at 4:39 o'clock at Ohef Sholom Temple. A bridal dinner will be served at the Hotel Kennon to invited guests after the ceremony, and followed by a dance and reception at this spacious hostelry, beginning at 9 o'clock, which bits fair to be the society ovent of the season. Guest are already arriving for the coming marriage. The groom arrived this morning, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. B. Skalowski; his sister, Mrs. B. Rubenstein, and her two daughters, Misses Maydelle and Lucille, all of Augusta, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Epstein, Mrs. gusta, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Epstein, Mrs. C. Cohen, Mrs. T. Schweriner and Mrs. H. Morris, of Philadelphia, also arrived today. to-day.

THE EDITORS LEAVE TO-MORROW

Will Make Their Headquarters at Office of Times-

Members of the Virginia Press Association will begin to arrive in Richmond early in the morning in preparation of the trip to Florida, upon which they will set out to-day.

The headquarters for the visitors will the building of The Times-Dispatch, where special rooms have been set apart for them. A number of indies will be along and every convenience will be provided for them. Tickets will be distributed at this point.

The party will go in two divisions, which will meet at Jacksonville. The first train will leave at 216 o'clock or thereabouts in the afternoon. The second goes at midnight. The trip is made at the invitation of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. The association will be gone about a week.

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thing which people say is right.

The major portion of the negroes of Virginia are with Jim Hayes in his effort to test the Constitution. If he wins out we rejoice; if ruide out, we'll make the most of it. We are not excited nor discouraged; we are not going to burn any barns nor kill any white folks; we are going to keep on singing, treating white folks right, and trying to vote and hold all the government offices we can get.

W. H. MOSES. Staunton, Va., February 3d.